

1853 February 26th Received of George H. Cleeke the sum of one dollar in lieu of a stamp on this Bill of Sale

G. J. Henry Esq

Edward H. Bramble } Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following  
v To R<sup>n</sup> 55 } Indenture of Apprenticeship was received and recorded on the  
Ann Cornish (negro girl) } 26th day of February in the year of our Lord 1835 Court:

This Indenture Witnesseth, That by virtue of an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed December Session Eighteen Hundred and thirty nine, Chapter thirty five entitled "an act to provide for the better regulation of free negro and Mulatto children within this State" I Edward H. Bramble have agreed in presence of James Dixon and Zadock H. Rosso justices of the Orphans Court for Dorchester County, who have testified their assent by witnessing this indenture, that I will take as apprentice negro girl Ann Cornish daughter of Roger Cornish and Ann his wife, aged ten years on the eighteenth day of the present month, to serve as an apprentice until she attains the age of sixteen years, and I agree to furnish and provide for said apprentice good and sufficient meat, drink, clothing, lodging and other requisite necessaries fit for such an apprentice, and further to teach and instruct said Ann the art or trade of Housewifery by the best way or means I can - and when the said Ann Cornish shall arrive at the age of sixteen years I promise to give her the sum of ten dollars in Cash and the further sum of twenty five dollars in lieu of schooling for said apprentice - Witness my hand and seal February 26th A.D. 1835.

Signed, Sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
James Dixon, Zadock H. Rosso  
Justices of the Orphans Court  
Edward H. Bramble (seal)

Washington A. Smith } Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the follow  
Paid from } ing Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 26th  
William Patridge } day of March 1835 Court

Know all men by these presents, that I William Patridge have this day, bargained, sold, and conveyed unto Washington A. Smith, One negro boy, "John Henry" aged about Eighteen years, to serve, until he arrive at the age of thirty and then to be free, as per, the last, will, of the late Elizabeth Patridge, now on record in the Register's office for Dorchester County Maryland, the said Washington A. Smith his heirs and assigns, for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars in hand paid, As Witnessed, my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 1835. - Acknowledged and sworn before  
Wm. H. Pattison  
William Patridge (seal)  
Washington A. Smith (seal)

Maryland Dorchester County Court - On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February Eighteen Hundred and fifty five, personally appeared, before me the subscriber, a justice of the Peace, in and for said County William Patridge, and acknowledged the above Bill of Sale, to be his act and deed, according to the true intent and meaning thereof, And at the same time personally appeared Washington A. Smith, granted to above named Bill of Sale, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the Consideration set forth in said Bill of Sale, is true and bona fide, as therein set forth,

Delivered to Edward H. Bramble April 2 1836

Delivered March 26th 1835 to Washington A. Smith